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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 21 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

Iraq (S/2000/857)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. — 26th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Yemen

Mongolia

Comoros

Georgia

Dominican Republic

Ecuador

Tajikistan

Cyprus

Federated States of Micronesia

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m.	27th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Grenada

Afghanistan

Iraq

Burundi

Maldives

Zimbabwe

Bahamas

Argentina

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Niger

Marshall Islands

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the Board of Auditors; the World Food Programme; procurement reform; and outsourcing practices

2. Information technologies

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), to discuss options for placing the United Nations Forum on Forests within the United Nations system intergovernmental machinery.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held *today*, 21 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet at <http://www.un.org/ga/55>.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Announcements

Information regarding the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence is available at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1412) or on the Web site of the Division at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/advsq01.pdf>.

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Cellular telephones

Delegations are kindly requested to turn their cellular telephones rings off while attending meetings in order to maintain the orderly conduct of the proceedings of those meetings.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 21 September 2000

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee and Sixth Committee on oceans and seas)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *today*, 21 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 22 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	28th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Rwanda

Antigua and Barbuda

United Republic of Tanzania

Venezuela

Mauritius

Eritrea

Benin

Equatorial Guinea

Nicaragua

Uzbekistan

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with Ms. Krcalova (tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson; tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/55/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m., with agenda items 103 (Social development) and 104 (International Year of Older Persons). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; telefax: (212) 963-5935; electronic mail: newellk@un.org).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the third regular session of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA)* on Friday, 22 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Briefings

H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) will hold a briefing for non-governmental organizations, on the current status of the informal consultations, within the Economic and Social Council, on the establishment of the International Arrangement on Forests. The briefing will be held on Friday, 22 September 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will brief the representatives of Member States on the World Conference against Racism on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 4 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 27 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4199th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

Sixth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2000/832 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Sierra Leone, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/882, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2000/882).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/882) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1321 (2000).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

24th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Eduard Kukan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia; H.E. Mr. Eldar Kouliev, Chairman of the Delegation of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Information and Broadcasting of Namibia and former President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Shunmugam Jayakumar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore; H.E. Ms. Elmira Ibraimova, Chairperson of the Delegation of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. The Honourable Motsoahae Thomas Thabane, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lesotho; H.E. Mr. Hersey Kyota, Chairman of the Delegation of Palau; and H.E. Mr. Hor Namhong, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia.

25th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Monie Captan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia; H.E. Mr. Marcel Metefara, Minister for Foreign Affairs and la Francophonie of the Central African Republic; H.E. Mr. Fernando Messmer, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bolivia; H.E. Mr. Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell, Chairman of the Delegation of Andorra; H.E. Mr. Fritz Longchamp, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Haiti; H.E. Mr. Vinci Niel Clodumar, Chairman of the Delegation of Nauru; H.E. Mr. Alfred Carlot, Chairman of the Delegation of Vanuatu; and H.E. Mr. Momodou Lamin Sedat Jobe, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Guinea.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland) and Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico) as Vice-Chairmen. The Committee defer the election the post of one Vice-Chairman and the post of Rapporteur to a later meeting.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it documents A/55/250 and Corr.1 and A/C.2/55/L.1 and Add.1.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee suggested oral revisions to the programme of work, as contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1.

A statement was made by the representative of Bangladesh, who orally amended the programme of work.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, France (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77), Egypt, Chile, Norway, the Russian Federation and the Sudan.

The Committee agreed to reschedule item 95 (g) to the afternoon of 31 October 2000, item 97 to the afternoon of 9 November, item 92 (a), (b) and (c), to the morning of 27 October and item 102 to the afternoon of 27 October.

The Committee approved the programme of work, as orally revised.

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session for 2000 19th meeting

Private Sector Division financial report and statements for the year ended 31December 1999 [8] (continued)

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, the Netherlands, Sweden, China, Switzerland, the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan and Canada.

The Chairperson of the Standing Group of National Committees also made a statement.

Members of the secretariat responded to issues raised by delegations.

The Board took note of the report contained in document E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.6.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8.

Report on internal audit activities [9]

The Director, Office of Internal Audit, introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland, Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands, the United States, Canada, Norway and Australia.

The Deputy Executive Director, Internal Management, Administration and Finance, responded to issues raised by delegations.

The Board took note of the report contained in document E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.7.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 9.

Programme of work for 2001 [10]

The Secretary of the Board introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, the United States, Switzerland, India, Denmark and Guinea.

The President of the Board made a statement.

The Board adopted the draft programme of work for 2001 contained in document E/ICEF/2000/15, as amended orally.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 10.

Other matters [11]

The representative of Philippines made a statement.

The representative of Colombia made a statement.

The representative of Canada made a statement.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

The Executive Director made a statement.

The President of the Executive Board made a statement.

Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board [12]

The Executive Director made a closing statement.

The President of the Executive Board, H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), made a statement and declared the second regular session for 2000 closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 21 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special presentation

The Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela, the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Walter Balzan, and the Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jenö C.A. Staehelin, are jointly organizing the launch of the *Internet Guide for Diplomats* by Mr. Jovan Kurbalija from the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta, to be held *today*, 21 September 2000, from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. The presentation will be made in English.

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Global summit

A Global Summit of Polio Eradication Partners will take place on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, from 9.45 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1. Speakers will include Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Ted Turner, Chair of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships; Mr. Frank Devlyn, President of Rotary International; Ms. Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services (United States); Ms. Mia Farrow, UNICEF Special Representative; Ms. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director-General, World Health Organization; and Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Health Situation in Africa: HIV/AIDS and Other Priorities", organized by the World Health Organization, on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The panel will be chaired by Dr. Fabrizio Bassani, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations. Dr. Ebrahim M. Samba, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Africa, will be the keynote speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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